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ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

Biafore, Peter

March 6, 1959

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Mr. Peter Biafore
251 Hamilton Street
Meriden, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Biafors:

I am grat very deeply to read of your
circumstances and I suggest that you
get in touch with the Connecticut
Joint Council, c/o John Piasano, 1200
State St., New Haven, Conn.

Perhaps they can help you obtain some
employment.

Fraternally yours,

H. J. Gibbons,
Executive Assistant to
the General President

HJG/JK/js

March 4, 1959

Dear Mr. Hoffa,

I am writing to you to ask if there is anything you could possibly do to help me. I am in a bad situation and don't know which way to turn. I've read a lot about you, and know that you are a very understanding man.

I was laid off from work over a year ago and have lost my seniority. I have run out of unemployment compensation checks and am unable to find work to support my wife and children. I have been all over the state in search of employment, but to no avail. I can't apply for welfare because I live in my own home, which is mortgaged and I (over)

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There is some way you can
help me secure a job. I think
you very much for any help
you may be able to give me.

Yours truly,

Peter Bickford

221 Hamilton St.
Mendota, Conn.

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I guess I will leave it over if
I don't find work.

I know you are a very busy
man and I am just a little
guy, but I would be ever
grateful to you if you can possibly
help me find work anywhere, so
that I may be able to support
my family. I am on debt up
to my neck and don't know
how I'll ever straighten out
without someone to help me
find a job. I am very disappointed
with the so called "Land
of Opportunity" and don't know
what a man has to do to
support his family.
I wish, Mr. Hopper that

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Bickhem, Katie

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December 17, 1962

Mr. John T. O'Brien, Vice President
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
4217 S. Halsted Street
Chicago 9, Illinois

Dear Sir and Brother:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter
from Katie Bickhem.

Although her information is not too clear,
will you please have a member of your staff
investigate and give me a report.

Fraternally yours,

James R. Hoffa
General President

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1561 S.C. Homan Ave.

Chicago 23, Ill.

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JAMES R. HOFFA
GENERAL PRESIDENT

Dear Sir:

To Inform you of a letter which is out of my power to do. But I am informing you that I work at the Spiegel Inc. and was sick of something that we must all meet up in life. being under my doctor care, he gave me a definite time in which I would be able to go back to work, due to the Company laws and regulation, there was not a chance for me to prove that I was unable to go back to my job. My doctor gave me a slip for a few more week leaves of absences. but they was not took under consideration. the only thing was that you will be looking forward to your service pay.

Mr. Hoffa: After working 10yr of service on the plant there are some people that I know in person work right by my side and they was of longer than I have been of but on the account of you gave me the money of my back time there has been a hard way for me to go on with this job, but I am assure you can protect me of my job, I myself do not have any otherise to do anything, but you can.

They have called for me to come out to pick up my service pay on the job, the steward was to write you all and let me know if you would let me go and keep another person that stayed of the job longer than I have, I haven't as yet heard from him. I was hoping to go back on my job on the first of the year. but they are trying to pay me off, for to work on a job 10yr. There is some kind of ~~some~~ protection for a person that has been on the job that long.

Mr. Hoffa: until I can hear from you about this matter I will not cash this check on the job. I am still with my doctor would you accept the statement if my doctor say I can work by the first of the year. I need to work bad.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. *I am in my early 40s*

YOURS TRULY,

KARL HICKMAN

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

Bielawicz, Joseph

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June 19, 1961

Mr. Joseph Bielawicz
801 - N. Leare Street, Apt. 158
Anaheim, California

Dear Sir and Brother:

With reference to your letter of May 21st, I have
been in touch with Local 235, who would like very
much to help, but due to the unemployment situation
in their area they find this impossible.

They suggested that you try the Long Beach and Los
Angeles area.

I regret that there is nothing further this office can
do for you.

Fraternaly yours,

H. J. Gibbons
Executive Assistant to the
General President

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cc: Local 235

GENERAL TRUCK DRIVERS, WAREHOUSEMEN & HELPERS UNION

LOCAL 235

OFFICE - 1938 WEST CHAPMAN AVENUE
ORANGE, CALIFORNIA

PETE KURBATOFF
SECRETARY-TREASURER



June 14 1961

Mr James R Hoffa, Gen'l President
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
25 Louisiana Avenue, N.W.
Washington 1, D.C.

Dear Sir and Brother:

In regard to the copy of a letter dated May 21, 1961, received by you from Brother Joseph Bielawicz: Brother Bielawicz came into our office April 14, 1961. We placed him on our out-of-work list. We have approximately three hundred people on this list and the Construction Industry is the only one that hires out of our hall, all other Industries do their own hiring.

There is a great deal of unemployment in the Freight and Rock, Sand and Gravel Industries. Orange County is basically an agricultural community, therefore unemployment fluctuates a great deal.

We do not have any new car hauling in this area, this is all out of Long Beach and Los Angeles; so might we suggest that Brother Bielawicz check those areas, as they are not too far from his home. I am sure with his talents and experiences, he will find more opportunity in the Long Beach and Los Angeles area. However, we will continue to try to find some work for him in our area.

Fraternally yours

PETE KURBATOFF
Secretary-Treasurer

K/o
copy - H.J. Gibbons
John M Annand
Joseph Bielawicz

June 14 1961

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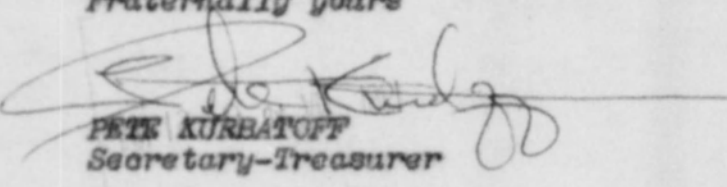
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ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

Bialawski, Joseph

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June 5, 1961

Mr. John W. Anasand
1616 W. Ninth Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir and Brother:

Attached is copy of letter received
in this office from one of our members. If
there is anything you can do to assist this
Brother, it would be much appreciated.

Fraternaly yours,

H. J. Gibbons
Executive Assistant to the
General President

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Att.

June 5, 1961

Mr. Joseph Bulavica
801 - N. Loare St. - Apt 158
Anaheim, California

Dear Mr. Bulavica:

We have your letter of May 21st, and this office is in no position to render you service, however, I am forwarding your letter to our Joint Council in Los Angeles in the hopes that something can be done there.

Yours very truly,

James R. Hoffa
General President

JRH:16

May 21 - 1961

Dear Jim

I am writing this letter to ask you if you could help me get a job some where out here I have been a Union member since 1942 I have lived in Buffalo NY for 22 years hauling new cars for Eastern Auto Trucks Co Inc When Eastern Auto went to Newark Del I went down there 11-11-58 and lost my seniority rights cause I didn't go right away when Eastern went I tried to Local 187 Wilmington Del I worked at Newark Del from 58 to 1960 or + off with the lay off the last lay off was in Dec 23-60.

So I came out here hoping that I could get a job But it is hard to get I went to Local 235 and put my name on the Work list where I was told it would be on the Bottom of the list that I know is alright Before I left Wilmington Del I took a withdrawal card from Local 107 I have tired all the trucking companies out here and the same thing we get our drivers from the hell now what I am supposed to do. Now that I am a stranger out here and don't know anybody. I what to get a job driving over the road I think I am a pretty good driver cause I have 6 years marked safety record.

Jim do you Bell Kellen from
Buffalo NY that works for
Eastern Auto Tudy Co Inc
Well I was his campaign manager
when he was running for ~~governor~~
where he is now out ~~there~~
I don't care what kind of a job
I get just as I work cause
I am getting down in the dumps
I also do not drink and
would like to bring up my
family and be happy.
I don't know if you will
get this letter cause I don't
know where to send it here
is hoping that you do get it
Please let me know what
I am to do.

My Name is
Joseph A Bielawicz
801 N Louisa St apt 158
Anaheim Calif

I am 45 years old
and I have no jail records
and never been arrested for anything

Yours Very Truly
Joseph Bielawicz

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

Bilby, Harold Eugene

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February 26, 1963

Mr. Lawrence Steinberg, President
Teamsters Local Union No. 20
435 South Hawley
Toledo, Ohio

Dear Sir and Brother:

The attached copy of communication from
one of your members is self-explanatory.

As you know we are in no position to assist
this person. I thought if you wanted to help this individual,
I would make this letter available to you.

Fraternally yours,

H. J. Gibbons
Executive Assistant to the
General President

HJG/yk
cc: Harold Bilby

Mr President Sir,

This is very hard to start as a request, during your trial & also time of need of Bondsmen I prayed very hard for you to St. Anthony and my prayers were answered. Now I am praying you will help me in my need. I am going to be operated on in the coming week between the 24th and 3^d of Mar. for a blood clot on side of my leg which I received when I fell off the back end of Del truck. I am asking you in request for a loan of \$200 until I get out of the Hospital and receive my compensation money & another source of insurance coming to me within a couple of weeks after discharge of doctor. You are a very wonderful man to anyone

in need and I do promise
you faithfully you will
receive every penny of this
loan back plus interest if
desired.

I need this money to pay my
coming rent & a few small bills
so I also can keep a good
credit standing.

Please Sir help me and may
God keep you safe, healthy, &
Very Good

Yours Very Truly

Harold Eugene Bilby
220 E. Bancroft St
Tolulo 2 Ohio.

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ADMINISTRATIVE FILE ✓

Billings, Charles H.
X Standard Finance Corp.
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January 24, 1956

Mr. E. A. Cross, Manager
Standard Finance Corporation
1234 East South Street
Long Beach 5, California

Dear Mr. Cross:

In reply to your recent inquiry, we have no records in our offices which indicate the address of Charles H. Billings, either residence or employment.

I am sorry that we cannot be of service to you.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Grabam
Assistant to the
General President

MLG/alb

PHONES: GARFIELD 2-7979
GARFIELD 2-7973

STANDARD FINANCE CORPORATION

Automobile Contracts Furniture

1234 EAST SOUTH STREET

LONG BEACH 5, CALIF

1/20/56

American Federation of Labor
Teamsters International
Washington, D.C.

Re: Charles H. Billings
Last known address: 21323 South Norwalk, Artesia, Calif.
Last known employment: Wayne's Trailer Transport
4759 Hackett, Long Beach, Calif.

Gentlemen:

Any information you may have on the above person as to his
present residence and employment will be appreciated.

We enclose a self addressed, stamped envelope for your reply.

Very truly yours,

STANDARD FINANCE CORP.

E. A. Cross

E. A. CROSS
MANAGER

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ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

Billings, Mary A.

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June 11, 1959

Miss Mary A. Billings
c/o Mrs. Wilkerson
513 Locust Avenue
Charlottesville, Va.

Dear Miss Billings:

I have read your communication, but I am afraid that there is nothing that this office can do for you and I am returning the material forwarded by you.

I sincerely hope you can work out your problems.

Very truly yours,

Harold J. Gibbons
Executive Assistant to the
General President

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Mr. Hoffa, President
American Trucking Industry
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Dec. 6, 1956 my 89 yr.
old father, Henry E. Billings, and I
had the deed to a nice, five room
colonial house built in 1940. I
answered our door and was shocked
to be seized by Senator's health
officer and two Sheriff deputies
(without procedure of law). We were
not on public welfare in any way.

We also had deeds to
751 Eighth St., May Falls, and 518-530
Cedar Ave., May Falls, (also seized).

The contents of our home was moved
to Kuhn's Storage, Inc. 247 Tenth St.,
May Falls, N. Y.

Is there any way you could get a
May County Court order to move
my furniture out of New York state,
the rents from 518-530 Cedar Ave.
N.Y. I will pay for insured
moving. I do not have a good
lawyer in N.Y. state but am
living with friends. You can
communicate with me from our
home address.

Very truly yours,
Mary A. Billings
521 Portage Road
Leicester, New York
(Personal)

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Oakhurst, Palmdale Co Cal.
July 5, 1955

International Brotherhood of Teamsters
Washington, D.C.

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE ✓

Attention Mr David Beck:

Bingaman, John R.

X Dr. J. R. Bingaman

Dear Mr Beck:

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The attached may be of interest to you. I do trust that it is. Much to my amazement I discovered that the tariff (mileage) upon which rates in California are based was issued in 1925. It has been since that date that the wonderful major highway system has been undertaken and all principal roads greatly shortened. When I brought this fact before one of the representatives of a large carrier and stated that the Commission should be advised I was told that it would do no good as I would not get to first base.

The attached shows that I did bring the matter to the Commission's attention and I did get to first base as one of them called upon me to discuss the matter. After I got further than first base will depend on who now goes to bat. The Commission advised me that no mileage between any points corresponds with the actual mileage due to their considering the hills etc. I have heard that argued since back in 1921 elsewhere but without any success. Never have I found a hill that a certificated carrier uses that is all one way. If they go up they surely roll down again. I was also advised that if I were from without the State where the I.T.C. tariff applied then the actual mileage would apply. To me this merely adds up to a discrimination against the users of these carriers in their own home State of California. Any argument that it is justified sounds to me just like so much balderdash (a Park Ave expression). The tariffs are confusing and one would think they came out of Harvard.

From Oakland to San Francisco the mileage is 8 miles but they show 35. Now Brooklyn is shown as merely across the East River creek from the Giants - they often wish they were further, but they do not confuse the public by stating otherwise and the rate structure is based on Metropolitan Area rates which takes into account all the problems confronting the operators. Any misstatement of actual mileage confuses the public and the Commission is appointed to protect the public in their relationship with certificated carriers.

I understand that the Drivers, when paid on a mileage basis are paid on actual miles operated and yet at the same time the Public is charged on a 1935 tariff in the year 1955. Someone is being took - either the drivers are short changed or the Public jipped.

Insofar as what I personally was overcharged I told the Commissioner that I would forget that as perhaps the Operator needed the money (One of the State's largest) as he might have to join some additional clubs, but that I was not willing to drop the discrimination as affects all the Public when only intrastate hauling is involved. Impressed but I am still stranded on first base and I don't like to see this discrimination continue.

Back in 1936, when the I.C.C. had under consideration the hours of labor for Drivers we operators did through the ATA seek a 16 hour week. This was much against my wish, and I started the first National Assn. After several hearings in different sections of the Country I was told that they were sure that the 16 hour law would be recommended by the Commission. Without their knowledge I was asked to be the last witness before the Commission in Wash and the facts I had my witnesses present as to the need for shorter hours, due to accidents, fatigue, etc I was told was a deciding factor in the reduced hours prescribed. Fred Tobin and the other A.T.L. men were there and they appreciated my coming to the aid of a shorter work hours. My men started with me in 1918 and, like me, were getting beyond the age when they could be behind a wheel for such foolish hours.

The drivers wanted shorter hours. I was told they weren't even on first base and I went to bat - in Public Interest - not for the A.T.L. as they are well able to handle their problems, and the 16 hour desire was lost. Now, in Public Interest, and with no personal desire, as I am now fishing, but still burnt up when I see someone "took" I want you to go to bat as I want to prove to the party who said I couldn't even get to first base, that he was wrong and that the Public Utility Commission actually does represent the Public in their relationship with certificated carriers. Any errors, practical or otherwise in this is due to the machine as it too dates back to before 1935.

Very truly yours,

John R. Ringassan

John R. Ringassan

*You can use the attached
any way you choose*

Oakhurst, Paloma Co., Cal.
June 4, 1935

California State Utility Commission
Sacramento, Cal.

Gentlemen:

I do not know if the above title is proper for the "Utility Commission" in California as the several States have different titles. However I do wish to make a complaint to you.

For several weeks prior to March 15th a representative of one of California's trucking companies called on me at my home in Los Angeles in connection with soliciting their service to shore and later move my furniture to Oakhurst. In establishing the tariff rate of \$4.97 per foot he advised me that the mileage was 338 or 339 miles and referred to the State Mileage Tariff to substantiate his claim. As I had driven the distance several times, and in different cars I informed him that it was exactly 300 miles between our home there and the home we were moving here. When I called his attention to the fact that the highway markings did not correspond with those shown on the "Mileage Tariff" he advised me that the tariff was published in 1935. I was further informed that the Interstate Commerce Commission mileage was up to date and that I moving beyond the State line it would apply and be lower.

When I informed him that the matter should be brought to your attention he advised, as I recall the words, "It would do you no good as you could not get to first base". I do not agree with him. I feel that he fails to realize that you are protecting the Public Interest in relation to those who serve the Public under State franchises and that you do so seek to serve the Public when matters are brought to your attention. This particular haul is of small importance surely however it is of major importance when considered State wide and by using the 1935 "Mileage Tariff" it tends to focus the following grave discriminations:

1st: It discriminates against all Citizens of California as against those leaving or coming from other States. This discrimination surely amounts to many

many thousands of dollars annually.

2nd: When a Carrier pays their employees on a mileage basis I am quite certain that the rate is based on actual mileage and not on the tariff used for the Public. In this one instance the mileage for round trip would register 600 miles and at 7 1/2 c mile the driver would receive \$45.00. However here the driver paid on the same basis as that charged to the public the mileage would be 675 miles and the driver would have received \$50.63. Either the driver is being short charged or the Public is being over charged in each haul approximately 10%. Your records will show the annual Intrastate Revenue and from that record you can easily determine just what the Public is paying as it will average 10% overcharge. They are either wrong with their employees or with the Public. Surely we here would be interested in this.

3rd: I am quite sure that were one of the splendid State roads lengthened for as much as a mile that was traveled by a franchised carrier you would quickly be petitioned to increase the rate due to added mileage and yet, since 1935 as the great new highway system developed, it appears that neither this large Carrier, or the California State Motor Truck Association saw fit, in "Public Interest" to advise you that these splendid roads greatly reduced the mileage. Just one reference will suffice - On the Mileage Tariff I was shown it shows a round-trip 13 miles from Oakland and yet it is exactly 7 miles and the State Highway Workers show the distance as 7 miles. It was 13 miles back in 1940 and as late as 1935 but not today. Surely you would soon hear from the State Association were any roads increased. It is not in Public Interest for them to apply a tariff that overcharges the Public citizens of their own State while using the interstate tariff for those from outside the State.

I am quite sure that the representative of this large Carrier erred when he stated that it would do me no good to write to you on this matter as I would not get to first base as I feel that you do represent the Public in their relationship with franchised utilities and carriers and that you do, as I do, realize that the Public needs a governing body to lay down the rules and regulations so that all will be treated equally and that the charges will

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be fair and reasonable.

I told the representative of this Carrier that I could make this complaint as I did not think it proper to force the Citizens of California to pay the added charge when interstate commerce did not. Since that time I have not received the furniture and find that they have practically violated all the several rules of the Uniform Bill of Lading and Expense bill which I presume is as established by your Commission. First; I paid, in advance, \$250. and they show as having received only \$137.40. Attached is the cancelled check. Second the weight slip shows certified net weight of 4130 lbs and they charge for 4430 lbs on Bill of Lading. Weight slip attached. Third; Bill of Lading fails to show pickup charges, storage at origin, packing, or any other charges. They show a total charge of \$236.78 and yet while I gave them a check for \$250. on the date they picked up the shipment they demanded and received an added \$99.38 on delivery yet showing on their bill as "TOTAL CHARGES" \$236.78. I confirmed the actual pickup time for these goods, and the rate was \$10. per hour - time 2 hours 50 minutes. They told me that the warehousing charges would be \$25.00 for packing, storing etc and that the warehousing could be \$17.50 a month. It was in storage from March 15th to May 23rd. Not having complied with the provisions of their bill of lading, as approved by your Commission I had no way to check the items they omitted, and which they never included on any bill so check could be made. They did notify me by card that I had never returned the Warehouse Agreement which I never received and question if they can prove they ever mailed.

Since they have failed to comply with the provisions of their own bill of lading and Expense Bill I hereby respectfully request that the attached bill prevail and that they be ordered to return to me the difference of the deposit of \$250. and the "Total Charges" as shown on this bill of \$236.78 plus the \$99.38 collected in cash on delivery. The humorous part of this is that while in interstate commerce and therefore higher I was told by driver before he even got up to me, that the I.C.C. required Cash before it could be unloaded. I knew that and assume that this State Commission also has this wise law, but why in interstate do they have to fall back on a ruling of Ben Blanning back there in Washington.

Respectfully submitted
John A. Singace

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

Birge, Jane

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December 6, 1961

Miss Jane Birge
350 W. Fifth Street
Jasper, Indiana

Dear Miss Birge:

I have your letter of December 3
and I shall answer as briefly as I can since,
as you know, my time is very limited.

In my opinion, automation will
have a greater impact on organized labor in
this country than did in the early 1900's.
Man's knowledge of machines and electronic devices
are such as to probably do away with 65% of the
jobs in industries which can be automated.

The proponents for automation say
that this will create new jobs but in actuality
I cannot see where more than 15-20% of the
people whose jobs are eliminated by automation
will be able to find jobs in the creation of new
machines.

Nevertheless, no one can stand in
the way of progress and it will become necessary
for both the government and organized labor to
establish a shorter work week with higher pay
standards in order that we maintain our present
way of life.

Yours very truly,

James R. Hoffa
General President

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350 W. Fifth St.
Jasper, Indiana
December 3, 1961

Jimmy Hoffa
Teamsters Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoffa:

Of course, I do realize how valuable your time is, so I'll try not take up too much of it. Perhaps, you may not even be able to help me. I am a senior in high school, and am very interested in labor and labor disputes. In my English Composition class, we have to do a research paper on any subject we wanted. For some strange, unknown reason, I chose automation and the effect it has on our unions. Since we get 10% for every letter written and answered, I thought I would try you. Really, though, I am very interested in you and your doings, but anything you could give me to do with automation and labor would be greatly appreciated.

Just as an added note, a couple of years ago we had an argument in one of my classes on the difference between skilled labor and unskilled labor. My teacher said there was no sure way of distinguishing them from each other. Of course, he's not right, but to satisfy him, just what would you consider the basic differences? He told us then, that if any of us would get the answer from you, he would give us a higher grade. Although, his offer isn't in effect anymore, I would like to tell him.

When I told my brother I was going to write you, he said I should mention that I am familiar with Brazil, Indiana. Well, I won't lie, I know where the place is, but that's about it. I've never been there and as far as I know, I'll probably never have the occasion to go.

Thank you very much, though, and even if you can't help me, thanks for just listening.

Sincerely yours,

Jane Birge

PS. I forgot to mention that my paper has to be done by the 11th of Dec. O.K.?

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE ✓

Bi-Rite Club
X Chilton, Clyde A.
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28 June 1961

Mr. Clyde A. Chilton, Manager
Bi-Rite Club
9860 Walnut Street
Oakland 3, California

Dear Mr. Chilton:

We have your communication of June 24, 1961 and
regret that we are unable to comply with your
request.

Yours truly,

H. J. Gibbons,
Executive Assistant to the
General President

HJG:qv



C. A. Chilton Company

MANUFACTURER'S AGENT

1001 24TH STREET - OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA
9860 Walnut Street

TELEPHONE: 2-5223

WINOAKS 3-3805

L02-4855

June 24, 1961

Mr. James R. Hoffa, President
Teamsters Union of America,
Labor Building,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoffa:

As competition increases, routine methods of operation and mediocre products can spell disaster. The formula we feel means quality, respect for the members or customers, innovation, and a remarkable program to get every member of the BI-RITE Club solidly behind the club for many many years to come.

To make sure of this last statement we should state first, all merchandise we sell is brand NEW and fully guaranteed. We sell only First line merchandise, NO SECONDS, NO REJECTS.

This fully illustrated color catalog carries American TOP Brands as the The CORY Automatic Percolator either the Copper or Chrome, list price \$29.95 in any store, Member cost only \$20.07, postage .63¢, insurance at .20¢ or a total cost delivered to member right to his door only \$20.90. You don't have to own a store or be a business man. You can shop in the comfort of your own home by mail. The savings you'll realize thru a membership with BI-RITE CLUB will repay you hundreds of dollars. To think there are 20,000 Nationally known or famous items direct from your BI-RITE CLUB delivered to your own door.

Take right now the VILLA Cottage Tent 11' x 11' costs retail \$200.00 to you a Member of BI-RITE CLUB only \$132.66, Freight and Ins. 12.66, savings of \$67.34 and delivered to your door. Another the regular Pup Tent front flap tent, list price \$12.50 with members only \$7.50 Parcel Post at .91¢ total cost delivered to your door only \$8.41.

We have received an OK from the parent BI-RITE Club in Vermont to deal directly with Labor and with many friends in the Teamsters UNION definitely ask for your sanction to go ahead. It is a great plan and must have their membership in order to purchase right. The \$5.00 annual membership fee, supply us the proper office set up and carry expenses to handle and care for the cards for membership, check each order as each order must belong to a member and his own number is checked and placed on the order. This must be for these discounts.

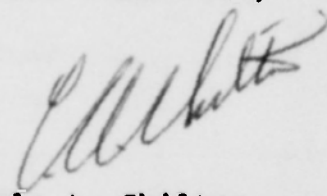
Should this be handled thru your office as we can work out a plan as we can deliver in place in the U.S. With this can say we are open to all of the members of the Teamsters Union and would indeed be happy for membership.

DIAMOND WHEEL DRESSING

Page 2- Mr. James R. Hoffa, President Teamsters Union.

If permission from you thru letter or an add in the Teamsters Magazine?
Thanks a lot for your kindness in this matter.

Yours sincerely,



Clyde A. Chilton
Manager-BI-RITE CLUB
9860 Walnut Street,
Oakland 3, California.

*In reference can
refer you to American
Trust Bank. oh yes
Senator Wayne Moore from
Oregon.*

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William Presser, President
Charles Cimino, Sec'y-Treas

Send Dick to Wash
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JOINT COUNCIL NO. 41

of the International Brotherhood of
Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America

2070 East 22nd Street

Cleveland 15, Ohio

June 26, 1961

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

Black Samuel D. (Atty.)
X Sullivan, June 26
X

Mr. James R. Hoffa, General President
INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS
25 Louisiana Avenue, N. W.
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Sir and Brother:

There is nothing that we can do in the matter of the enclosed
letter you sent me from Attorney Samuel L. Black.

This gentleman has been in to see Don Pfeiffer of Local 413,
Columbus, Ohio, and Don also was unable to help him on this
matter.

We will continue to check with the Locals in the vicinity of
the accident area and should we develop any possibilities for
assistance, we will immediately notify Mr. Black.

With regards, I am

Fraternally yours,

William Presser
William Presser
PRESIDENT

WP:AP
EMCL:

Person

LAW OFFICES
SAMUEL L. BLACK
80 EAST BROAD STREET
COLUMBUS OHIO



June 5, 1961

Mr. James R. Hoffa
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
25 Louisiana Avenue N. W.
Washington, D. C.

In re: Joan E. Ashbrooke vs.
Clyde C. Bennett

Dear Sir:

This letter might be classed as "playing a long shot." I am attempting to locate a truck driver who witnessed an accident.

On March 28, 1961 on U. S. Route 33, 2.7 miles north of Dublin, Ohio, Joan Ashbrooke was forced off the road by a 1961 Mercury automobile bearing License Number X 449 L, and which we know was driven by Clyde C. Bennett of Columbus, Ohio, but because of legal technicalities in the rules of evidence, we are unable to prove. A truck was proceeding north on U. S. Route 33, and the 1961 Mercury automobile, bearing License No. X 449 L, ducked out from behind this truck, forcing Miss Ashbrooke off the road. The 1961 Mercury proceeded to pass the truck and proceed north. The driver of this truck apparently was so incensed at what had happened, which he obviously must have seen through his rear vision mirror, and was decent enough to stop at the next filling station and handed the operator of this filling station a slip of paper, on which he had written "Ohio License X 449 L" and advised the filling station operator that this was the license number of the car which forced Miss Ashbrooke off the road. Unfortunately, the truck driver did not give his name, license number, or Company for whom he was driving, nor did the filling station operator note the license number of the truck or the name of the driver or any name on the truck.

As a matter of evidence, we must have the truck driver's identification of the car and license number which caused the accident. As you probably realize, the testimony of the State Highway Patrol Officer and the filling station operator is pure hearsay, but the truck driver could testify that an automobile bearing License No. X 449 L ducked out from behind his truck, forcing Miss Ashbrooke off the road.

I am advised that there is a paper published by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, which goes to all members in good standing, and I am wondering whether we could purchase an ad in this paper, describing this accident and requesting that the truck driver who was good enough to leave the license number of the offending automobile, contact the writer of this letter. We should, of course, expect to

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pay for any assistance that your Organization can give us.

Miss Lashbrooke was seriously injured. She suffered injury to her spine, broken ribs and internal injuries to her spleen and kidney.

I would greatly appreciate any assistance or suggestions which you can give us, and if it is possible to run an ad or story in your paper, I would personally guarantee payment therefor.

I shall await your advice.

Yours truly

Samuel L. Black

SLB:vd

✓ ADMINISTRATIVE FILE ✓
Blackstone Studios, Inc.
X Messenger, Joseph
-X-

January 17, 1956

Mr. Joseph Messenger
Blackstone Studios, Inc.
20 West 57th Street
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Messenger:

This will acknowledge your letter of yesterday's date.
Mr. Beck has not been in Washington for several weeks
and I am sure that when he returns, he will give
consideration to the proofs which we have here in our
offices. You will hear from us at that time.

Yours very truly,

Ann Watkins
Secretary to Mr. Beck

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January 16, 1956

Mr. Dave Beck
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
25 Louisiana Ave. N. W.
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Mr. Beck:

We could be very grateful for some word with regard to the proofs of your photographs, about which we wrote on December 8th.

No doubt in the stress of other business, this matter has been overlooked, however, we feel you must have reached some conclusion and we would be most appreciative for an opportunity to finish an order of personal portraits for you.

Thanking you for an early response, we are,

Very truly yours,

Joseph Messinger

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May 8, 1962

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE
Blair & Company
x Invitation
x Investments

Mr. H. J. Gibbons, Executive Vice President
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
25 Louisiana Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gibbons:

It is our pleasure to invite you to a Conference which we feel will be of value to you and your organization.

We have gotten many requests from Union officials on problems related to investment of pension funds. The current uneasiness in the market has raised many questions as to the future. Information on portfolio performance, accounting procedures, and economic trends will be presented by top practitioners in an interesting and informative manner. The agenda is included.

This Conference will present concise and information-packed ideas representing some of the best current thinking on the problems of pension funds. I feel sure that you will find that much of the material will be of value to you and your organization.

Please return the enclosed registration card at your earliest convenience so that we may count on your attendance for the sessions and for lunch.

Sincerely yours,

Milton Zatinsky

Milton Zatinsky

Date: Friday, May 25, 1962
Place: South American Room, Statler Hotel
Time: 10 AM - 3 PM

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on
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Chairman: Milton Zatinsky, Account Executive, Blair and Company
Formerly Director of Research and Information, American
Newspaper Guild, AFL-CIO

Speakers: Greetings
Growth and Importance of Pension Plans
F. H. McGuigan, Secretary
Greater Washington Central Labor Council

The Economy
State of the American Economy and its Prospects
for future growth
Dr. Sidney Sonnenblum, Director, National Economic
Projection Series - National Planning Association

The Law
Union Responsibility under New Legislation
Frank Kleiler, U. S. Department of Labor

Needs
The Need for Integrated Investment Counselling
Marx Lewis, Labor Attorney, formerly Secretary-treasurer
United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers Int. AFL-CIO

Lunch

Accounting
Proper Accounting and Reporting Procedures
William Schulman of Wolf Schulman
(Invited)

Brokerage
How a Brokerage House Functions
Mr. Zatinsky

Portfolio Performance
A Report on Avenues of Investment Opportunities
Lewis G. Kearnes, Manager, Financial Planning Department
Wellington Company, Inc.

Refreshments

Host: Blair and Company, Barr Building, Washington 6, D. C.
Members New York Stock Exchange Federal 8 - 7400

Date: Friday, May 25, 1962
Time: 10 AM - 3 PM
Place: South American Room - Statler Hotel

Conference Coordinator: Mrs. Kathleen Winsten

SEMINAR FOR UNION EXECUTIVES

Friday, May 25, 1962
10 AM - 3 PM

South American Room
The Statler Hotel

I plan to attend the Conference ☐

I will attend the Lunch ☐

I appoint the following delegates who will attend
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Blake, Albert _____
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November 30, 1961

Mr. Albert Blake
2212 - 10th Street
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Blake:

This will acknowledge receipt
of your letter dated November 21, 1961.

In order that we can investi-
gate the situation as stated in your letter
it is necessary that we are informed to
which Local Union you were a member.

Yours very truly,

H. J. Gibbons
Executive Assistant to the
General President

HJG:ld

Wasco, Cal

Nov. 21, 1961

Mr. James Haffa.

Dear Sir I united the Teamsters Organization in 1946, a few years ago, and now holding a Honorable Withdrawn Card. For the last 14 or 16 ~~four or~~ fourteen or sixteen ~~month~~ months I have worked extra out of a Teamsters Hiring Hall, whenever work were available.

Over this period of time 14-16 months I have not been able to get my withdrawn Card accepted in this Local. There have been some members taken in this Local within this 14-16 month period. I have not had no differences friction in no way in this Local.

I feel that I am entitle to membership around this Local.

I have not mentioned my former
Local # number nor ~~the~~ the one
where I have worked extra for
more than a year.

Thanks,
your awaiting answer

Mr Albat Blake
2212-10th St.
Berkeley, Calif

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ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

Blake, Edward H.

September 26, 1961

Mr. Anthony Provenzano, Vice President
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
770 Summit Avenue
Union City, New Jersey

Dear Sir and Brother:

Attached I am sending you copies of
two letters received in this office. These are being
forwarded to you for your information.

Fraternally yours,

James R. Hoffa
General President

JRH/yk
Enc.

President
International Teamsters
Union, Wash, D.C.

9/20/61

Dear Mr. Jim Hoffa,

Do you have a local that
that unorganizes Building Service workers
skilled and unskilled? Such as MAINTEN-
ANCE, ELECTRICIANS, CARPENTERS-PLASTERERS, BRICKLAYERS-
PLUMBERS, ELEVATOR OPERATORS, PORTERS and CHAR WOMEN
ETC. Would you please let us know. There are
6 Buildings under this Management who would
like a good TEAMSTER UNION to represent us.

Thanking ^{you} for information

Yours Respectfully

Edward H. Blake
511 - 1st St.
Union City, N.J.

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE V

Blake, Thomas D.

XRCQ - Room Air Conditioning

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April 19, 1955

Mr. Thomas D. Blahe
3026 N Street, N. W.
Washington 7, D. C.

Dear Mr. Blahe:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 5 and convey my apologies for the delay in replying thereto.

I do recall having met you on the occasion of the dinner in 1944 and am glad to learn of your present activities. We are soon moving into our new headquarters building here in Washington which will be completely air conditioned. There are some Local Union offices in Washington also, but I am not familiar with their situation or needs as to air conditioning units.

I believe your best approach would be to contact the various offices in each city. There is, in most major cities, a Joint Council of Teamsters, this being the parent body in the area. We have no means of otherwise directing you from this office.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very truly,

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THOMAS D. BLAKE
3026 N STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON 7, D.C.

April 5, 1955

*acknowledged
+ file*

Dear Mr. Back;

You may remember me from the days when I was Steve Early's assistant at the White House and helped you and your associates arrange the Teamsters dinner in October of 1944 at the Statler Hotel - a highly memorable occasion in which pale figured most prominently.

I left the Government in April of 1945 and represented the International Telephone and Telegraph in Washington until they closed their office in January of 1952. Since then I have been concerned with the public relations aspect of the St. Lawrence Seaway Project and Senator Russell's campaign for the Democratic nomination in 1952 and I am currently working in support of the President's trade program with particular emphasis on HR 1.

I am also associated with Mr. Herbert Wolf, President of the Leasing Corporation of America with headquarters in Philadelphia. The Leasing Corporation of America has a contract with a subsidiary of the Radio Corporation of America for the leasing of RCA room air conditioning units on a monthly rental basis. The units would be installed by RCA technicians and maintained and serviced by the RCA factory service organization in the area. There are over 130 of these service organizations over the country.

What this means, in effect, is that a corporation or association will be in a position to rent room air conditioning units at an exceedingly modest monthly price per unit. The monthly rental would cover all expenses of installing the unit, including the necessary wiring and preparation of window space, and the expenses of maintenance and service. In other words, there would be no additional charge once the unit has been installed.

This plan has been put into operation by several large industrial firms and at the present moment surveys are being made for installations in a building operated by a unit of the United States Government. I am enclosing a copy of a memorandum which was prepared for the Government which covers the salient points.

It may be that many of the local business offices of your Union would be interested in leasing air

Page 2 - continued
Mr. David Beck
April 5, 1955

conditioning units under this plan and I would therefore appreciate it if you would refer this letter to the responsible officer in your administrative office who might be interested in discussing the matter with me and my associates. In any event, I would appreciate hearing from you.

Kind personal regards.

Very truly yours,

Tom Blake

Mr. David Beck
International Brotherhood of Teamsters,
Cheuffers, Warehousemen and Helpers Union
100 Independence Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D.C.

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LEASING CORPORATION OF AMERICA

Herbert B. Wolf
114 Granite Street
Philadelphia 6, Pa.
Walnut 2-2810

Thomas D. Blake
3026 N Street, N.W.
Washington 7, D.C.
Adams 4-6916

ADVANTAGES TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN ADOPTING THE LEASING
CORPORATION OF AMERICA-RCA ROOM AIR CONDITIONER RENTAL PLAN.

In any discussion of air conditioning office space, it is obvious that in many localities an air conditioned office increases the morale and efficiency of those people working in the office. The major deterrent to increased use of room air conditioners has been the initial cost and the upkeep. We believe that the rental plan offered by the Leasing Corporation of America will eliminate to a large extent these two deterrents.

The Leasing Corporation of America, by reason of an agreement with a subsidiary of the Radio Corporation of America, is in a position to lease to the Government RCA room air conditioning units. If desired, a survey of the premises from an air conditioning standpoint will be made by RCA technicians. The installation of the units will also be done by RCA technicians and the maintenance and service of the units will be continued by RCA. RCA is the only company of its kind maintaining its own direct factory service organizations in over 150 locations throughout the United States and Honolulu, T. H.

By securing air conditioning units on a rental basis, there is an immediate elimination of a large investment which would be required to purchase the machines. Because of the existence of the maintenance and service features of this plan, there is no investment necessary in maintaining an inventory of spare parts.

In addition to this, it will not be necessary to take up the time of government engineers in servicing the units. Nor will it be necessary to pull them off of more important projects in order to take care of the units. All that is necessary is to place a telephone call to the nearest local RCA factory service branch, just as you would call the Potomac Electric Company or the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company if their services were required.

Another great advantage to the Government is the fact that the whole operation of the installation and maintenance of the air conditioning units will be at one fixed cost which is determined at the beginning of the operation.

This plan, leasing air conditioning, is merely an adaptation of a successful proven method such as is used in the renting of cars, trucks, water coolers, linen service, etc.

Among our customers at this time are companies such as Goodyear-Tire and Rubber Company, Allen Wood Steel Company, Hook Engraving Company, Inc., etc.

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In most cases RCA Room Air Conditioning can be quickly installed without interruption of office routine or plant shutdown. There is NO WATER PROBLEM or major alteration necessary. Without any obligation, you can have your air conditioning requirements surveyed by RCA's own experts, NOW. Before it gets TOO HOT and everybody is clamoring for immediate hot weather relief — get the complete story about the benefits and rental costs of RCA Room Air Conditioning under the LCA Plan.

RCA AIR CONDITIONER

RCA ROOM AIR CONDITIONING

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Under the LCA Rental Plan you are assured maintenance, unlimited service and parts at no extra cost. You are completely covered by an Unlimited Service Contract.

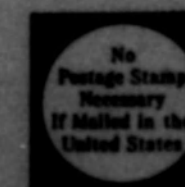


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FOR BUSINESS
EXECUTIVES
CONSIDERING
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LEASING CORPORATION OF AMERICA

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AIR CONDITIONING



Gentlemen: Without any obligation, please have your representative call on
(Date) at (Time)

NAME _____ TITLE _____

COMPANY _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ PHONE _____

ZONE _____ STATE _____

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10/17/58
ADMINISTRATIVE FILE
Blake Realty, Inc.
Investments
Telephone: 6-1265
October 17, 1958

BLAKE REALTY, INC.

Real Estate • Appraisals • Property Management



Samuel E. Blake
President
Ira W. Blake
Vice President
Robert M. Armstrong
Secretary-Treasurer

702 UNION ST.
SCHENECTADY 5, N. Y.

October 17, 1958

International Brotherhood of Teamsters
Mr. James R. Hoffa, Pres.
25 Louisiana Ave., N. W.
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We have recently heard that your organization is appointing loan correspondents through the United States to originate loans for your investment portfolio. This company has been in business thirty-five years and has developed a reputation exceeded by none in this area.

We are in a position to furnish you with a diversified amount of mortgages. As you know, Schenectady is a strong union town, therefore, in a better position to qualify for union funds. A connection in this respect we feel will be most beneficial to us both.

Trusting to hear from you in the near future,

Very truly yours,

BLAKE REALTY, INC.

By Ira W. Blake
Ira W. Blake

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ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

Blankenagel, John

X Edwards, Dan

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January 20, 1956

Mr. John Blankenagel
Box 9-589
University of Maryland
College Park, Maryland

Dear Mr. Blankenagel:

Our General President, to whom you addressed your letter of January 16, will not be available for sometime for an interview in our Washington Headquarters.

However, I shall be very happy to be of any assistance that I can and if you will call my office, a specific time can be set for you and your friend to drop in for a discussion.

Yours very truly,

Robert L. Graham
Assistant to the
General President

RLG/alb

11:10 A.M. Feb. 3rd
John Blankenagel
Dan Edwards

FROM THE OFFICE OF
DAVE BECK, GENERAL PRESIDENT
INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS
P-2086

John Blankenagel
Box 9-539
University of Maryland
College Park, Maryland

16 January 1956

Mr. Dave Beck
Teamster's Union
401 3rd Street, NW
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Beck:

Would it be possible for you to grant a short interview to two University of Maryland students?

Our majors are Economics and Transportation respectively. At present we are both actively engaged in the field of transportation as well as pursuing the academic side of the field. We would like to discuss the further application of the side of our education with you.

We will be free anytime except during final examination, January 26 to February 2.

Sincerely,

John Blankenagel

John Blankenagel

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

Blay, Carl J.
Merriman, Catherine D.
Education

September 26, 1963

Mr. Carl J. Blay
Conklin Hall - Room 427
Bowling Green State Univ.
Bowling Green, Ohio

Dear Carl:

I am happy to learn that our Cleveland Local Union was instrumental in assisting you this summer in furthering your education.

Let me congratulate you for taking what is often considered the hard way to education - that of earning the money to pay for your books and tuition. It is highly commendable and I wish you the very best of luck and success in the future.

Very truly yours,

James R. Hoffa
General President

JRH/mc

September 23, 1963

Mr. James R. Hoffa, President
International Brotherhood Of Teamsters
25 Louisiana Avenue, N. W.
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoffa:

This is a short note of "Thank You".

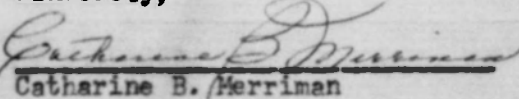
Carl Joe. Blay of Cleveland is a Transportation Economic major student, in his third year at Bowling Green State University in Ohio.

Carl was advised by his professors to begin at the end of the '61-'62 Semester to acquire a job for the summer in the field of Transportation of his choice. He chooses Freight Forwarding by Truck. The summer of '62 he worked as a general laborer, doing all sorts of odd jobs for a freight line here in Cleveland. His observation was keen. He learned well. The summer of '63 he applied for dock-hand work at a Cleveland Terminal. He joined the Union and worked all summer taking a withdrawal card from the Local before returning to the University. During this summer he earned, excluding expenses, sufficient to purchase his books and pay his tuition. This could not have been achieved without the help of your Union rules so efficiently exercised. Thank!

Carl advises me his next step for the coming Summer is uncertain. He anticipates a discussion with the Union Local here before making a decision.

Young men like this one are those who will someday soon be a profound credit to your Union, the men who have been taught to think for themselves and cannot be swayed by politics or this "give away" - "get something for nothing" program now in effect. This boy has found faith in someone's thing, worked for it and has felt the benefits of it's purpose, through your honesty, openly spoken to all American Youth. Encourage them to continue in this way of life. May God grant you Health and Success in helping others also.

Sincerely,


Catherine B. Merriman

P. S. Incidentally, Carl's address is: Bowling Green State University Conklin Hall - Rm. #427, Bowling Green, Ohio. He is worthy of a note of encouragement.

C. B. Merriman
9825 Miles Avenue
Cleveland 5, Ohio 44115



Mr. James R. Hoffa, President
International Brotherhood Of Teamsters
25 Louisiana Avenue, N. W.
Washington 1, D. C.

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

Bledsoe, Arnold O.

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January 13, 1960

Mr. Arnold O. Bledsoe
3251 176th Street
Hammond, Indiana

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have discussed the matter with
Vice President John T. O'Brien and he is
very much interested in discussing this
matter with you at your convenience.

Fraternally yours,

James R. Hoffa
General President

JRH/mg

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

Blehm, Elmer
General Motors Acceptance Corporation

June 25, 1956

Mr. L. C. Fearn
Credit Department
General Motors Acceptance Corporation
2736 Firestone Blvd.
South Gate, California

Re: Elmer Blehm
Account 19661-319

Dear Mr. Fearn:

Your letter of June 21 with reference to the above-captioned individual has been received in this office.

I regret that we are unable to assist you in obtaining the current address of this man but we have no record of individuals after they have received a withdrawal card.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Graham
Assistant to the
General President

MLG/alb

GENERAL MOTORS
ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION

BRANCHES THROUGHOUT
THE WORLD

2736 FIRESTONE BOULEVARD
SOUTH GATE, CALIFORNIA

EXECUTIVE OFFICES
NEW YORK

June 21, 1956

Teamsters Union, International
Washington, D. C.

Re: Elmer Flehm
Account 19661-519

Gentlemen:

We are endeavoring to locate Elmer Flehm, a member of your Union, in order to recover our collateral, a 1949 Chevrolet which Mr. Flehm purchased from one of our dealers on a Conditional Sales Contract.

He took out a withdrawal card from the Los Angeles Local 578, March 6, 1956. He was a member in good standing while active in that Local according to Mr. Howard L. Barker. Any information that you would be able to render us as to his present employer and the Local he now belongs to and their address, or any information that would assist us in locating our customer will be greatly appreciated.

It will not be necessary for you to write us a letter. Merely answer on the back of this one. Enclosed is a self-addressed envelope for our convenience. You may be sure that all information will be held in the strictest confidence.

Very truly yours,

d. C. Farn

Credit Department

L.C.Farn/es
Encl.
Air Mail

*indicate to writer that
we have no record of individual
after they have received withdrawal card*

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE
Bleth, Philip
X
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May 18, 1961

Mr. Philip Bleth
4842 N. E. 8th Avenue
Portland 11, Oregon

Dear Mr. Bleth:

Your letter of May 12, 1961 addressed to
Mr. James R. Haffa, has been referred to me.

I read with regret the misfortune you have
experienced these past months, and will
endeavor to assist you in whatever way I can
to find employment. Due to my absence from
the city so much of the time, I have asked
Mr. Mark Holmes, representative, Joint Council
of Teamsters No. 37, to follow through on this
for me, and he will no doubt contact you in
the very near future. I hope he will be
able to find some suitable employment for
you soon.

Very truly yours,

Charles C. Crosby
Charles C. Crosby
General Organizer

cc: Mr. James R. Haffa
Mr. Mark Holmes

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ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

Bluth, Philip

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May 16, 1961

Mr. Clyde Crosby, Gen. Organizer
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
1020 N. E. 3rd Street
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir and Brother:

Attached is a copy of a letter received in this
office from Philip Bluth, which is self-explanatory.

Would you kindly assist this man in finding a
suitable job.

Fraternally yours,

James R. Hoffa
General President

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Portland Ore
May 12-61

Dear Mr. Hoffer

I am writing to you as a last resort. I have been in the Teamsters since 1933 and very proud to say so but now here is my predicament last September 2-60 I lost my right arm at the shoulder due to a malignant tumor and now I cannot find anything to do at all and I am not old enough to get Social Security as I am only 5 yrs old surely. In this big organization out here there must be a job of some kind that I could do to keep myself busy and also take care of my wife and 15 yr old boy to put him thru school & maybe college so if then your great heart & generosity you could ask the heads of the union here to work on it I would be forever grateful. This is written by my left hand so please excuse the writing

Yours Truly
Philip B. Blythe
7542 N.E. 5th Ave
Portland (11) Ore

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

Blaine, Muriel E.

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June 5, 1963

Miss Muriel E. Blaine
Box 202 Mel Smith Road
New Albany, Indiana

Dear Miss Blaine:

Referring to your inquiry of May 29, 1963,
I offer the following advice:

1. Workers must express a desire to join our Union or any other Union.
2. When you determine the union you wish to join, the local union in that area should be contacted for that purpose.
3. A majority of the employees must indicate their interest through signed applications.
4. Finally, 51 per cent of the employees involved will be asked to express an opinion either through a National Labor Relations Board election or through a card count.

When that is determined, the problems raised in your communication would then be resolved through collective bargaining.

Very truly yours,

James R. Hoffa
General President

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Wednesday, May 29, 1963

International Brotherhood of Teamsters

My Friends:

The purpose of this letter is to inquire of you what steps the ordinary citizen/employee (in my case, ex-employee) can take preparatory to the establishment, or at least attempted establishment, of labor unions.

I left the employment of one Robinson Machine Works, Inc. of New Albany, Indiana in February/63 in view of the following:

- # being hired under the pretence that I would be trained for a specific position (shipping clerk), the company being free to alter and violate the agreement as they saw fit in the absence of a written agreement.
- # lack of enforceable company policy stipulating working conditions, working standards and respective obligations/duties of employees.
- # said employment source being free to state illegitimate cause for employee's having left the same, said employee left (through limited means) to either file and follow up on subsequent modes of appeal or otherwise suffer loss of compensation/denigration of character.

This matter is presently being appealed and I am informed that my next hearing will be at Indianapolis. No specific date has yet been set.

There being two sides to every agreement, I feel that it is high time employment sources in this area have been so informed.

Knowing little further to say I will close in trusting that this matter will be given ample consideration.

Very Truly Yours

Muriel Edward Blinn

Box 202 Mel Smith Road
New Albany, Indiana.

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE
Bliss, Chester F.
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June 13, 1962

Mr. Chester F. Bliss
1650 S. E. Hawthorne
Portland 14, Oregon

Dear Mr. Bliss:

We are in receipt of your communication
of May 21, 1962. Would you kindly furnish us with your
Local Union number.

Fraternally,

James R. Hoffa
General President

JRH/mc

May 21, 1962

Mr. James Hoffa, President
International Brotherhood and
Teamsters, Chauffeurs and Warehouseman
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoffa:

As you recall when you were here I spoke to you about the fact that members to the Executive Committee had been appointed when a vacancy occurs which is contrary to the By-Laws of our local union that requires that they be elected at the first meetings after the vacancy occurs.

Section 6 of Article 4 of our local By-Laws provided for this. At that time we asked that you send a telegram authorizing the appointment but that if I wrote you a letter you would let me know whether or not a telegram was sent.

I feel that Section 9 of Article 22 of the national By-Laws is not in conflict with our local By-Laws and it is my opinion that the By-Laws of the local should be followed.

I appreciate you looking into this matter and I thank you in advance.

Very truly yours,

Chester F. Bliss
1650 SE Hawthorne.
Portland 414
Oregon

C.F. Bliss
1650 SE Hawthorne
Portland, Oregon



James R. Hoffa
25 Louisiana Ave NW
Washington 1 - D.C.

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AIR MAIL

CERTIFIED
No. 648693
MAIL

Return Receipt Requested

May 5, 1960

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

Blair, William

Mr. James Hoffa
Dear Sir,

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Last December in Florida I was fishing in a little town called Deerfield Beach. This elderly man joined the rest of group. He started to read the paper and he turned around to this young man and said, Look at the headlines. That Hoffa should be put in jail. Well Mr. Hoffa you should of heard that young man tell him off. I can not go into complete details but I will repeat the main topic. Sir if you were not so advanced in years I would beat your ears off. The way that you dislike any person that belongs to organized labor, shows that you never had to work for a living. Well I belong to brotherhood and I am very proud of the fact. If every person would wake up to the fact, and join organized labor they would gain in their earnings. But no, some will listen to the likes of you, and get frightened. Sir, as far as I am concerned ^{this} country has had only two labor leaders, Mr. John L. Lewis and Mr. James Hoffa. As for the headlines, let me explain if I may. Every union invests funds in different projects if this project fell through, why put the blame on Mr. Hoffa. The stock market at times will claim that certain stock fell through, do you

get a refund. Who knows if that certain stockfell through.
Are the big boys brought to trial? No never they are
untouchable. God help the country if we lose the right to
organize. It will be back to the days, use a men today
pay him 50¢ per hour or less. Well Mr. Hoffa I did not
know the young aan, but when he finished giving him a
lecture the rest of the group got up and cheered.
I wanted to get his name but he took his fishing and ^{gear}
left the old gent blinking.

One month ago I was going to gas my car and his
car came out from the grease lube. I asked the
attendant who he was and his name. He told me he
lives in Faulkner Park in Powpano. His name is
L. P. Sequeiras. Well I am visiting friends up
North and I related what took place and they
told me, anyone that goes to bat for any person
like that fellow did should be commented. So I
borrowed a typewriter and I am happy to relate
to you Sir, just what took place. In closing
best wishes for your success.

Sincerely.

William Bliss

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE
Blosser, Kenneth
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February 26, 1959

Mr. Kenneth Blosser
2317 Pleasant Plain
Elkhart, Indiana

Dear Mr. Blosser:

I am in receipt of your communication of
February 21st and I would advise you to
take up your grievance through your local
union channels.

Hoping your grievance will be straightened
out, I remain

Faternally yours,

James R. Hoffa
General President

JRH/alb
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February 26, 1959

Mr. Kenneth Blosser
2317 Pleasant Place
Elkhart, Indiana

Dear Mr. Blosser:

I am in receipt of your communication of
February 21st and I would advise you to
take up your grievance through your local
union channels.

Hoping your grievance will be straightened
out, I remain

Faternally yours,

James R. Hoffa
General President

JRM/alb
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Dear Mr. Haffa

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2-21-59
Elkh. Ind.

- we the drivers of nickles Bakery & Elkh. Ind.
have a big problem.

at present we are working from 6 A.M. to
8 P.M. averaging from 14-15 hrs per day at a
rate of \$6.50 per week.

We deliver home to home we make as
high as 175 to 220 home stops per
day. The way the Roads have
been or either when road conditions
are good, it is hard to make these
many stops in one day.

now what I want to know is must
we put up with this kind of
working condition??

We fall all one with the Teamster
union. We would like to hear
from you Mr. Haffa.

Sincerely yours
Mr. Kenneth Phelan
2317 Pleasant Plain
Elkh. Ind.

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

Blue Mill Coffee Co.
X Maryland Labor Press
X Krause, H.

May 12, 1958

Memo to: E. J. Gibbons

From: Jake McCarthy

Subject: Use of Hoffa's Name in Selling Advertisements.

I received a phone call this morning from a Mr. Duvall, who heads the Blue Mill Coffee Co. in Washington, D.C.

Some time ago, a gentleman came into his office to sell him an advertisement for the Maryland Labor Press. He sold him by telling him that he could get him some additional coffee business (it was a \$42.50 ad). He signed the advertising contract with a name that Mr. Duvall identifies as "Krause."

The complicating factor is that Krause identified himself as a close friend of Hoffa, and went so far as to call Hoffa from Duvall's office to impress him. Duvall then bought the ad, as I understand it.

Without knowing anything about it, I assured Mr. Duvall that Teamster policy forbade the soliciting or accepting of ads in our publications. I told him therefore that I was sure Mr. Hoffa had not approved the selling of these ads. But Mr. Duvall said the conversation apparently had nothing to do with buying an ad. Krause merely wanted to impress Mr. Duvall.

Mr. Duvall was upset about not getting any new coffee business, and couldn't find Krause. The telephone number listed on the contract did not answer. And Mr. Duvall said that if he was "fleeced," he thought he would go to "the authorities."

I thought I should inform you about this telephone conversation.

H. Krause
1120 14th St
Wash 5 D.C.
Krause will call me as per
willing request

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

Blum, David

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May 1, 1962

Mr. David Blum
9 South New Hampshire
Atlantic City, N.J.

Dear Mr. Blum:

Thank you for your letter of
April 26 giving your ideas on I.B.T.
Boys' Clubs.

At this time I am unable to
take any action on your idea, but
I shall keep it in mind for future use.

Sincerely,

James R. Hoffa
General President

JRH/mr

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DAVID BLUM
9 So. New Hampshire
Atlantic City, N.J.

April 26, 1962

Mr. James R. Hoffa, Pres.
International Brotherhood, Teamsters
25 Louisiana Ave. N.W.
Washington 1, D.C.

Subject: I.B.T. Boys Clubs

Dear Mr. President,

I have just read your latest issue of the 'TEAMSTER', and its contents, both editorials and photos, no doubt will capture a large majority of its reported three and one half million readers, in the manner intended, as it has for so many years. This letter, is for the purpose of capturing the others, not so fortunate in having access to the wisdom, advice, and performance of Mr. Hoffa, and the entire Teamster movement.

Monies expended by the Teamster public relation department for the express purpose of a good public image, have, in my opinion been wisely spent, and have succeeded for the most part, to do the job, however, it is not enough to overcome a plight, in which we find ourselves, and not of our making. So, to offset this unfortunate condition, of our image, in the minds of the Nation, I suggest the International Union, thru its Local Unions, establish a series of BOYS CLUBS, in most major cities of the country, to be called, BROTHERHOOD BOYS CLUB - International Teamsters.

It is common knowledge that America's prime combat target outside of disease, is Juvenile Delinquency. The establishment of these clubs, will definitely result in reducing juvenile crime, however more important, boys will capture a good image of the TEAMSTER movement, and pass it on to their parents, who in turn, would pass it on to the adult clubs, parent-teachers, and many other organizations, and in less time than you think, thru the magic of giving, and for us, the living, perhaps crime will cease to exist, and thru the active participation of TEAMSTER members, in this notable effort, a new and more positive image will result.

Actually, the creation of these Boys Clubs, would not be a financial burden on any one Local, when many Local Unions, without their own buildings, could establish their offices in the Club. Those that have their own building, could certainly prevail on its City, to condemn some parcel, for this use, because the trend today is urban improvement.

This is a constructive, long-range program, that will pay its way a hundred times, for the benefit of the International Teamster Movement, and its dedication to service, even to boys.

Sincerely,

David Blum
David Blum

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ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

Blumenstein, Martin, Jr.
(deceased)

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October 5, 1961

Mrs. Martin Blumensteen
4458 Manfield Street
Pittsburgh 14, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Blumensteen:

I have your letter of October 2nd and I sympathize with the plight in which you find yourself.

However, as you know, these pension funds are predicated on the retirement of the individual covered and it would be extremely costly to pass on any of the benefits to the survivors.

However, we shall work to this end in the future.

Yours very truly,

James R. Hoffa
General President

JRH:ld

Pgh. Pa.

Oct 2, 1961

Mr. Hoffa Dear Sir:

I am not writing this letter for sympathy.

But to see if you can do something about a situation which I believe you do not know exists.

My darling husband passed away Sept 11, after working all day for Co. he had been with for 34 yrs. driving truck.

Shifley Wholesale Drug Co. He always believed you were deeply concerned with the Teamsters Union and their families. So that is why I am writing you.

Mr. Hoffa do you know teamsters widows do not receive any pension at all? His employer says he paid \$6.00 weekly in pension fund just for my husband alone.

I am in a very bad predicament as we just remodeled our home and took an \$8,000 mortgage to bit over

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I will pay the insurance I receive from
welfare fund on this mortgage. But
will still have balance of \$3,750.

Which will be \$46.00 monthly
payment plus gas, elec, water, sewer etc.

I receive a little rent from
downstairs apt. But need medicine
shoes etc. As I am under the dr's
care for high blood pressure

My husband was one of the 1st
in Lft. to join the Teamsters In
fact he was fired for joining. But
after a few days picketing. He was
rehired. I am sure the other
teamsters wives do not realize they
may someday be just like me.

No pension from union No social
Security until I am 62 which is six
years. I am pleading not only for myself
But all the other wives Please Mr. Hoffa
do something about this I am sure you
do not know about this situation. Over

The congregation extends its sincere sympathy to Mrs. Martin Blumenstein, Sr. on the death of her husband, and to the families of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Blumenstein, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hubstenberg on the death of their father, Mr. Martin Blumenstein, Sr., a well-beloved member of this congregation and this community who will always be remembered with honor.